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39/11. Equal participation in political and public affairs

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling all relevant international human rights treaties, in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Recalling also all relevant General Assembly and Human Rights Council resolutions on participation in political and public affairs, in particular Council resolutions 24/8 of 26 September 2013 on equal political participation, and 27/24 of 26 September 2014, 30/9 of 1 October 2015 and 33/22 of 30 September 2016,

Emphasizing the critical importance of equal and effective participation in political and public affairs for democracy, the rule of law, social inclusion, economic development and advancing gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, as well as for the realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Welcoming the contributions of Member States and other stakeholders to the drafting of the guidelines on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs, both through their written submissions and their participation in regional consultations,

Acknowledging the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in preparing the draft guidelines on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs,[1] presented to the Human Rights Council by the Office of the High Commissioner, and taking note with interest of the draft guidelines,

1. *Presents* these guidelines as a set of orientations for States, as well as for, where appropriate, other relevant stakeholders in relation to the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to disseminate and promote the use of the guidelines and to provide technical

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cooperation and capacity-building to States upon their request regarding the use of the guidelines;

3. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare, in consultation with States and all other relevant stakeholders, a follow-up report on good practices and challenges faced by States in using the guidelines, and to present it to the Human Rights Council at its forty-eighth session;

4. *Encourages* Governments, local authorities, relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, funds and programmes, other intergovernmental organizations and national human rights institutions to give due consideration to the guidelines in the formulation and implementation of their policies and measures concerning equal participation in political and public affairs.

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[Adopted without a vote.]